



## **MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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### STATE OF MAINE

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The State Board of Education held a special meeting on September 2, 2016 at the Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair Martha Harris; John Bird; Nichi Farnham; Peter Geiger; Wilson Hess; Heidi Sampson; Jane Sexton; and Ande Smith.

Excused: Jana Lapoint, Vice Chair; Noa Sreden; and Elise McKendry

Also present were: Mary Becker, Secretary Associate, State Board of Education.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Martha Harris called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

Read by member, Heidi Sampson: The Vision of the State Board is to ensure Maine public school students graduate with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be responsible American citizens; self-directed and dedicated to making contributions to society by pursuing further education and employment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board went into executive session to discuss student transfer appeals at 11:00 AM, with voting members only in attendance. The Board returned to the regular business meeting at 12:16 PM.

### **STUDENT TRANSFER APPEALS:**

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (Nichi Farnham, Ande Smith, and Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of JL. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of GC. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Nichi Farnham, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of CT and XT. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's denial on the transfer of SS1 - Columbia. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Peter Geiger, seconded by Jane Sexton, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision to approve the transfer of NP. The transfer is granted.

MOTION by Ande Smith, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision to deny the transfer of ST. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted seven in favor with one member opposed (Jane Sexton) to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's denial on the transfer of SB. The transfer is granted.

MOTION by John Bird, seconded by Peter Geiger, and voted five in favor with three members opposed (John Bird, Nichi Farnham, and Heidi Sampson) to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision to deny the transfer of SS2 -Milbridge. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Heidi Sampson, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's denial on the transfer of LC. The transfer is granted.

MOTION by Wilson Hess, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to overturn the Deputy Commissioner's denial on the transfer of NT. The transfer is granted.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of BJ and AP. The transfer is denied.

MOTION by Jane Sexton, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to uphold the Deputy Commissioner's decision on the transfer of KC. The transfer is denied.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Submit Expense Account Vouchers to Mary.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOVED by John Bird, seconded by Peter Geiger, and unanimously voted by those present to adjourn the September 2, 2016 State Board of Education meeting at 12:28 PM.